

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2723–S2778*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 522–526, and S. Res. 63–64. **Pages S2766–67**

**Measures Considered:**

**Omnibus Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2728–62**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 77) Coburn Amendment No. 596, to require the use of competitive procedures to award contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements funded under this Act.

**Pages S2728, S2734–35, S2748–51**

By 37 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 78) Coburn Amendment No. 608, to provide for the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act from funds already provided for the Weed and Seed Program.

**Pages S2728, S2732–34, S2735–40, S2743–46, S2751–54**

By 34 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 79) Coburn Amendment No. 610, to prohibit funding for certain congressional earmarks.

**Pages S2728, S2741, S2754–61**

By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 80) Coburn Modified Amendment No. 623, to prohibit taxpayer dollars from being earmarked to 14 clients of a lobbying firm under Federal investigation for making campaign donations in exchange for political favors for the group's clients.

**Pages S2728, S2741–43, S2746–48, S2761**

Pending:

Wicker Modified Amendment No. 607, to require that amounts appropriated for the United Nations Population Fund are not used by organizations which support coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization. **Pages S2728, S2754**

Thune Modified Amendment No. 635, to provide funding for the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health, with an offset. **Pages S2728, S2754**

Murkowski Amendment No. 599, to modify a provision relating to the repromulgation of final rules by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce. **Page S2728**

Cochran (for Kyl) Amendment No. 634, to prohibit the expenditure of amounts made available under this Act in a contract with any company that has a business presence in Iran's energy sector. **Page S2761**

Cochran (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 613, to provide that no funds may be made available to make any assessed contribution or voluntary payment of the United States to the United Nations if the United Nations implements or imposes any taxation on any United States persons. **Pages S2761–62**

Cochran (for Crapo (and others)) Amendment No. 638, to strike a provision relating to Federal Trade Commission authority over home mortgages. **Pages S2761–62**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, March 6, 2009. **Page S2760**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2009. **Page S2778**

**Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, into the House Chamber for the joint meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. **Page S2728**